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Reply to Attn of: General Law Practice Group

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FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Attendees at the AIAA
National Capital Section Luncheon, April 19, 2007

On April 19, 2007, the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics National Capital Section (AIAA NCS) will host a luncheon at Pier7/Channel Inn, SW, in Washington, DC. The AIAA NCS is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization, and is the world's largest professional society devoted to the progress of engineering and science in aviation, space, and defense. The luncheon is a monthly event to provide aerospace information to industry, members of academia, and civil servants. At the April 19 luncheon, the guest speaker will be NOAA's Assistant Administrator for Satellite and Information Services, Mary Kicza.

The luncheon will be widely attended by Federal officials from some Government agencies, local government officials, representatives of industry and private individuals, and academia. Approximately 60 - 80 people are expected to attend. The estimated cost of the luncheon, which includes all food and beverages, is \$19.50 per person. The luncheon will allow NASA employees the opportunity to discuss science and exploration related issues with other guests.

I find that this event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 CFR § 2635.204(g). I further determine that there is an Agency interest in having NASA personnel attend the event so that NASA invitees may attend the event without charge. Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect AIAA may accept an invitation for free attendance to the reception for themselves and their spouses or guests.

NASA employees whose duties substantially affect AIAA, for instance by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination regarding participation in this event from their local ethics counselor.

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R. Andrew Falcon